



General Assembly

## ***Substitute Bill No. 199***

***February Session, 2016***



### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS' DAY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 1-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3       In each year the first day of January (known as New Year's Day), the  
4       fifteenth day of January of each year prior to 1986, and commencing on  
5       the twentieth day of January in 1986, the first Monday occurring on or  
6       after January fifteenth (known as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), the  
7       twelfth day of February (known as Lincoln Day), the third Monday in  
8       February (known as Washington's Birthday), the last Monday in May  
9       (known as Memorial Day or Decoration Day), the fourth day of July  
10       (known as Independence Day), the first Monday in September (known  
11       as Labor Day), the second Monday in October (known as Columbus  
12       Day), the eleventh day of November (known as Veterans' Day) and the  
13       twenty-fifth day of December (known as Christmas) and any day  
14       appointed or recommended by the Governor of this state or the  
15       President of the United States as a day of thanksgiving, fasting or  
16       religious observance, shall each be a legal holiday, except that  
17       whenever any of such days which are not designated to occur on  
18       Monday, occurs upon a Sunday, the Monday next following such day  
19       shall be a legal holiday and whenever any of such days occurs upon a  
20       Saturday, the Friday immediately preceding such day shall be a legal

21 holiday. When any such holiday, except holidays in January and  
 22 December, occurs on a school day, each local and regional board of  
 23 education may close the public schools under its jurisdiction for such  
 24 day or hold a session of the public schools on such day, provided, if a  
 25 session is held, the board shall require each school to hold a suitable  
 26 nonsectarian educational program in observance of such holiday, [ If  
 27 a] except that any such session held on the eleventh day of November  
 28 shall be held in accordance with section 2 of this act. When any such  
 29 holiday in January or December occurs on a school day, there shall be  
 30 no session of the public schools on such day.

31 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Any local or regional board of  
 32 education that does not close the public schools under its jurisdiction  
 33 on the eleventh day of November, in accordance with section 1-4 of the  
 34 general statutes, as amended by this act, shall require that the session  
 35 held on such date be dedicated to learning about the contributions of  
 36 veterans, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general  
 37 statutes. Such session may include, but not be limited to, presentations,  
 38 symposia or opportunities to collaborate with local veterans  
 39 organizations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	1-4
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**VA**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*